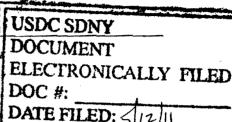


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The Honorable Sidney H. Stein United States District Judge Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

> Re: United States v. Mondher Bejaoui, 10 Cr. 553 (SHS)

Dear Judge Stein:

The Government submits this letter, with consent of the defendant through his counsel, to request that today's conference be adjourned for approximately six weeks to allow the Government to seek a competency evaluation of the defendant.

The Government received this week a report from a defense expert concerning the defendant's competency. In light of the conclusions in that report, the Government wishes to have the defendant evaluated by its own expert and will submit a proposed order authorizing that evaluation, which would require 30 days from the date that the Bureau of Prisons receives the order.

Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests that the conference scheduled for today be adjourned for six weeks for the competency evaluation by a Government expert. The Government requests that time be excluded in the interests of justice between today and the new/conference date pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3161(h)(1)(A) and (h)(7), to allow that evaluation to take place and to ensure that the defendant is fully competent to assist in the preparation of his own defense for any trial. The conference is algournal to June 23, 2011, at 2: 30 p.m.

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